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AN apt illustration of the difficulty, or
rather impossibility, of making a hard and
fast constitution which would last through
all time, and need no amendment, was
afforded in the written Constitution of the
Great Republic. There was nothing in the
instrument on which its authors prided
themselves so much as on the provisions
made for the quadrennial election of their
President, without on each occasion plung-
ing the country into what, to many minds,
seemed to be the throes of a semi-revolution.
In order to avoid this danger, which in the
eyes of the framers loomed large, it was
determined that the election of the Chief
Magistrate should be taken altogether out of
the hands of the commonalty, and placed in
those of a witenagemot dominated by the
"Electoral College." These wise men, who
were, it was presumed, to be above all mere
party consideration, and intent only on
making choice of the ideally best individual
for the weighty post of Chief of the new
nation, were to meet at a stated period, and
then and there after due discussion elect
the President. Each member was to write
the name of his choice, on a slip of paper,
which he was to seal up; and these votes
were to be transmitted to the president of
the Senate, who was to open them in the
presence of both Houses; and the individual
with most votes was to be forthwith declared
President. The device spoke more for the
heart than for the head of the constitution
makers, who, thoroughly honest themselves,
believed that future politicians would have

no thoughts beyond the good of the
country. The natural result, allowing for
the instinctive weakness of ordinary
humanity, followed; the witenagemot, when
put to the test of their very first elec-
tion proved to be merely a congregation
of delegates wherein each elector was
pledged to support a particular candidate
for the Presidential chair. Logically some
method was needed for fixing on the name,
or names, of candidate likely to be accept-
able, and for this unexpected necessity no
provision had been made, so the practice
grew up that each party that thought itself
strong enough, or had money enough to
bear the expense, elected a party Conven-
tion, and at this convention the party after
much discussion, often heated, finally
selected the individual to be put forward as
its candidate, for the Presidency and Vice-
Presidency respectively. This was done
before the election of the Electoral College,
which soon came, contrary to the desire of
the original framers, to be selected by the
people at large, so that the struggle became
purely a test of the strength of the parties,
each elector being pledged to vote for the
candidate previously selected by his party.
Now, with the hoped for object of giving
the College ample time for deliberation, its
own election had been fixed some five
months in advance of the expiry of the pre-
sidential term then current; it was also
hoped that the election of the President
taking place regularly a month or two in
advance of the vacation of the Chair, the
incoming and outgoing Presidents would be
enabled to confer together regarding the
needs of the country; and a continuity of
effort and policy from one tenure to another
be thus ensured. Naturally, as human
nature is constituted, this hope also was
shattered. Nothing was less likely in fact
than that the nominee of his party come
straight from the poll should desire to con-
sult his already effete predecessor, especially
if the party had changed, or the "ticket"
had been altered.

The consequence accordingly is that there
exists a sort of interregnum between the
election of the new, and the retirement of
the old, during which the country is ruled
personally by the President actually in office
who occupies the anomalous position for a
constitutional ruler of being absolutely
without responsibility. It is quite true that
his powers are limited by the letter of the
Constitution; he cannot declare war, and
the Senate will not let him conclude peace,
but he can place things in such a position,
that one or other may have become a prac-
tical necessity by the time he vacates the
White House. One of the results of this
curious position is that the outgoing Pre-
sident has an opportunity, which he not
unfrequently takes, of paying off old scores
against the Senate or House, whichever may
have become obnoxious. Even so capable
and congenial a President as Mr. ROOSEVELT
has proved himself to be, has found it
convenient to take advantage of the open-
ing. With the natural instinct of a born
administrator, Mr. Roosevelt during his
term of office has been seeking to increase
the efficiency of the means in his hand for
the prevention of crime; and Congress, with
an equally instinctive dread of anything
savouring of secrecy or concealment, has
been thwarting his efforts at every turn.
The subject is always a delicate one, and
engaged as he was in the struggle against
the too powerful trusts, who have been
seriously obstructing a return to better
things in the government of the States, Mr.
ROOSEVELT found it was wiser for the time
being to preserve silence. Having now
arrived at the irresponsible period of his
tenure of office, when all things are lawful
to a departing President, Mr. ROOSEVELT
has spoken out. Soft words, says the
proverb, butler no parsnips, but on the
other hand trenchant words often cut deep-
ly, so Mr. ROOSEVELT has not minced his
language. Speaking of the obstructions
placed in the way of his proposed strength-
ening of the confidential detective police at
the service of the State he tells Congress
plainly that the motive in their objection
was not their dislike to a secret police, but
the dread that too bright a light might be
turned on their own questionable, if not
criminal, connection with the trusts. The
reception that this statement met with is an
indication of what would have occurred
while Mr. ROOSEVELT had the role of
responsibility impending over him. Disguise
it how they may, the best Americans are
well aware in their inmost thoughts of the
enormous damage that the misuse of ac-
cumulated wealth is inflicting, socially and
politically, on their country, but few are in
a position, and fewer still care to speak out
through fear of the unpleasant consequences
sure to follow. It is under these conditions
that Mr. ROOSEVELT, having left the dread
of responsibility behind him, has stepped

forward, and doubtless his country, if for
the moment inclined to jab, will in the long
run come to be thankful. There are fortu-
nately signs that both in the United States
and in England the present murky atmo-
sphere is beginning to clear, but the ominous
display some considerable differences.
While Mr. ROOSEVELT does not hesitate to
tell unwelcome truths in the full confidence
that the nation will one day back him up,
an English Prime Minister appears venting
his spleen because a country, returning
after its late orgies of socialism and
disorder has thrown out all his reaction-
ary schemes. In view of the fact that the
country, everywhere that it has had the
opportunity to declare its opinion, has
pronounced against these revolutionary
measures, the present persistence in keep-
ing up an unwholesome agitation is
inexplicable, except on the supposition that
they are to be taken as councils of despair,
and deliberately meant, so far as possible,
to initiate a contest of classes. Both are,
however, suggestive as seeming to indicate
a general movement towards a return to
wise councils on both sides of the Atlantic,
after the political insanities of the last thirty
years.

No communicable diseases were reported in
Hongkong last week.

The C.N.S. Tsinan, according to a telegram
dated December 16th from Tokyo to the N.C.
Daily News, caught fire on her way to Yokohama
but was able to regain Kobe in safety.

A great conflagration took place at Soehow
outside of the Chang Men gate on December
15th, when the Ching Lien Kwok, a well-known
tea house, and more than a dozen new buildings
were burnt to ashes.

Mr. W. T. Gracey, American Consul at
Tientsin, accompanied by Mrs. Gracey, arrived
in Shanghai by the P. & O. S. Delta. Mr. and
Mrs. Gracey have been in America and Europe
for the past eight months.

The court martial of Lieutenant Frank
Evans, son of "Fighting Bob," the hero of the
American Navy, resulted in the young officer
being found guilty on a majority of the counts
against him. He was sentenced to a term of
150 months—in other words set back for four
years.

At the Marine Magistrate's Court yesterday
the Hon. Commander Basil R. H. Taylor, R.N.,
Marine Magistrate, fined the masters of two
unlicensed junks, \$5 each for failing to carry
masted lights between sunset and sunrise
while under way in the harbor.

From the Broad Arrow we learn that Com-
modore Lyon has been appointed a Naval
A.D.C. to His Majesty the King in place of
Captain E. J. Warre Blais, M.V.O., promoted
to flag rank. We extend our congratulations
to the new commodore of the Naval Yard in
Hongkong.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library
and Museum for the week ending the 20th De-
cember, 1908, shows that of non-Chinese there
were 311 to the Library and 164 to the Museum
and of Chinese 158 to the former and 1926 to
the latter. The Library was, therefore, used by
469 persons and the Museum by 2,090.

It is stated that the Chinese Government is
in hopes of making a start with the re-organiza-
tion of the navy. It has been arranged that the
Board of Finance will be requested to raise ten
million taels for the building of dockyards and
purchasing of warships and the Province to
defray the annual expenses.

In view of the promulgation of a Constitution
for China the Government has proposed to fix
the annual allowance to the Emperor and
instructed the Ministers accredited to the
foreign countries to enquire into, and report
upon, the law relating to the matter in those
countries respectively. The Minister to Japan
has already reported by telegram.

No fewer than six police officers were sworn
in on Saturday for an additional five years
service. Inspector Withers, who has been over
20 years in the force signed on for his fifth
term of five years. Inspectors McHardy and
Fenton for their fourth period, and Det. Sgt.
Terrett, Sgt. Kent and Sgt. Garrod for their
third term. Sgt. James Watt was sworn in
in a few days ago and entered on his third term.

Major-General W. P. Duvall has been selected
to succeed Major-General John F. Weston in
command of the troops in the Philippines.
General Duvall is assistant chief of staff and in
that position probably will be succeeded by
General Thomas H. Barry, now in command of
the American Army in Cuba. General Weston
left the Philippines for home on December
15th and turned over the command to General
Tasker H. Bliss, pending General Duvall's
arrival.

The Deyon of the Diplomatic Corps at
Shanghai has forwarded to the Wai Wun-pu
a resolution passed by the foreign merchants in
Shanghai that the unrestricted and unregulated
issue of bank notes by the Chinese bankers
constitutes a serious danger to financial security
and that if the Chinese Government would not
guarantee the payment of these notes it should
at least regulate its issue. The Grand Council-
ors and the President of the Board of Finance
have had a discussion on the question and have
come to the decision that the provisions in the
new Banking Law relating to bank notes and
orders should remain as they are, but that steps
should be taken to prevent the unauthorized
issue of bank notes.

TELEGRAMS.

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FIGHTING IN PERSIA.

LONDON, December 21st.
The Shah's troops have been
defeated, and 2,000 casualties are
reported.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY HON-
OURS SIR ROBERT HART.

LONDON, December 21st.
Dublin University has conferred
upon Sir Robert Hart the degree of
LL.D.

PORTUGAL.

LONDON, December 21st.
The Portuguese Cabinet has re-
signed.

"THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL."

There was another large attendance at the
Theatre Royal last night when the Bandmann
Comedy Co. staged that romantic comedy, by
Baroness Orczy and M. Barstow, "The Scarlet
Pimpernel." Mr. Douglas Wigors shone in the
title role, while Miss Florence Hamer came up
to expectations as the Lady Blakeney, and the
other members of the Company gave that co-
operation which is necessary to establish success.

THE NEW TERRITORY TRAGEDY.

Yesterday we reported that a man had been
found dead in a ditch near Shatin under
circumstances which pointed to murder. It now
transpires that the deceased and another Indian
occupied this ditch, and they were surprised
asleep in bed on Friday night by a band of men,
about ten in number, entering the ditch. The
intruders threw blankets over the sleeping men,
but the nature of the attack which followed is not
clear. At any rate when they awoke they found
\$250 belonging to one of their victims it was
found that one man was dead and the other
wounded. It is suspected that the assailants
were railway employees, and, as the result of
police vigilance, seven men suspected of com-
plicity in the affair have been arrested.

THE KOWLOON DOCK A.D.C.

"THE SILVER KING."

Following is the cast for "The Silver King,"
which the Kowloon Dock A.D.C. intend pro-
ducing on Saturday, January 8th, and Monday,
January 11th:—
Wilted Denver Mr. E. H. Baxter
Capt. Herbert Skinner "The Spider" Mr. J. Colin
Harry Corbett "Lark to Geoffrey Ware" Mr. W. J. Wilson
Elisha Coombe "A Bee-iver of stolen goods" Mr. J. D. Logan
Cripps "A Looksmith" Mr. J. W. Lender
Daniel Jackson "An old servant of the Denvers" Mr. J. Menzies
Sam Baxter "A Detective" Mr. D. Keith
Geoffrey Ware "An Engineer" Mr. S. Gray
Jubb "Landlord Whatehead" Mr. G. Beck
Blicher "A Tradesman" Messrs. Beck and Brown
Brownson "A Parish Clerk" Mr. G. White
Frank Selys "Secretary to Mr. John Franklin" Mr. W. Brown
Gaffer Pottle "A Porter" Mr. D. Brow
Newsboy "Denver's Wife" Mrs. E. H.
Nelly Denver "Denver's Wife" Mrs. E. H.
Olivia "Skinner's Wife" Mrs. G. Baxter
Lathia Durdan Mrs. G. White
Sue "Waitress at the Chequers" Miss E.
Gispy Denver "Nelly's children" Miss Colin
Ned Denver "Nelly's children" Miss Colin
Mrs. (unnamed) Mrs. A. Logan
Railway Inspector, Passenger, Busboys, Children,
Detectives, Servants, &c., &c.
Stage Manager Mr. R. H. Baxter

A STUDY IN NATURE.

A French savant has drawn a striking objec-
t-lesson from the lower order of creation, which,
he says, might teach his countrymen something
in regard to their suicidal policy which appar-
ent in the registrar's return of population. His
investigations show that the leech and the spider
produce 1,077 eggs, the fly 144, the frog 1,000, the
shrimp 6,000, the common worm 10,000, and the
tic 50,000. Fishes are equally prolific; the
perch of 100 grams gives 9,943 eggs, the smelt
of centimetres produces 23,111, the herring
36,000, the carp 342,000, the tench 383,000, the
sole 1,000,000, the plaice 1,537,000, the roach
1,130,000, the sturgeon 5,000,000, and the cod
9,000,000. The lobster, although it walks back-
wards, does not lag behind, and, according to
some observers, produces 12,900 eggs, while
others put the number at 21,000. A Paris
contemporary, from which we take the fore-
going, asks it because these species are not
troubled with the feminism problem that they
comport themselves so much better in matters
of population?

The Hon. Judge L. R. Wilfley is expected
to leave Shanghai for America to-day by the
steamer Manchuria.

A fire occurred at a rattan shop in Sai Wo
Lane, West Point, shortly before eight o'clock
last night. The Fire Brigade turned out
promptly, and had the fire well under control
within an hour.

An Edict renders it the duty of the district
magistrates to prevent in future all "squeezes"
of the people by the lower officials and the gen-
try. It explains that since these very district
magistrates are in the best position to gain a
clear view of the profession which everyone
follows and how much he can earn thereby, they
are able to proceed against anyone attempting
to make money by illegal means.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE PRIZE
DISTRIBUTION.

There was a large attendance at St. Joseph's
College yesterday afternoon when His
Excellency the Governor presided at the annual
prize distribution. The social hall was taste-
fully decorated with flags. The Governor was
accompanied by Captain Simson, A.D.C., and
Mr. A. J. Brackenbury, Private Secretary.
Among others present were the Rt. Rev. Bishop
Foxon, Consul-General Leiria, Rev. E. J.
Barnett, Rev. Father Spada and Madame
Volpicelli.

Brother CHRISTIAN then read the report
as follows:—Before laying before Your
Excellency the report for the year, I wish
to express the regret all in the College
felt at the removal of Brother Sylvester, my
predecessor. He was called by his superior to
Colombo last March. While here he endeavored
himself to all. The duty however of replacing
him, was made comparatively easy, through the
excellent spirit he had fostered, while in the
College. The attendance during the year
averaged 336.94, while the number on the roll at
present is 430. I must compliment many of our
boys on the efforts they make to come to school
every day. There are some parents however
who are rather careless in insisting on the
regular attendance of their sons. Boys who
are irregular are a hindrance to the general pro-
gress of their class. Besides they cannot be
trained in those important habits, which make
the successful student or businessman, punc-
tuality and perseverance.

The conduct of the boys in general is all that
could be desired. In their dealings both with
their teachers, and their companions, they
always behave like young gentlemen. In this
respect the boarders deserve special commen-
dation.

The weekly reports still continue to be an
excellent stimulus to our boys. Many parents
take great interest in them, and sign them
regularly. These, and the monthly examina-
tions give an ample opportunity for constant
and thorough work. I beg to remind those
parents who are careless about signing the
reports, that we expect them to aid in the
education of their children in this way.

Every means should be taken to encourage
regular daily work.

The special subjects taught in the College
continue to make steady progress. In the
short-hand examinations which were held under
the management of the local shorthand com-
mittee we obtained the following results: Nine
boys got 3rd grade certificates; six obtained
2nd grade certificates and three obtained
1st class certificates. C. Sequeira and F.
O'neir were awarded 1st class certificates for
100 words per minute in addition to a full
certificate of proficiency. E. Marques also
obtained a full certificate of proficiency and a
1st class certificate for 80 words a minute.
At present about 30 boys follow the shorthand
and typewriting classes. Our last Oxford
results were very encouraging. Six seniors
were presented for the examination and all
passed, F. Lopez getting distinction in
Spanish. Twelve juniors sat for the examina-
tion and nine passed, J. Thuan and E. Marques
getting distinction in religious knowledge.
Sixteen preliminary boys were presented and all
passed; the total number of passes being 31.
Ten of our boys entered for the local shield
competition in hygiene, but we have not yet
received the result. As a means of encouraging
the study of English we tried an elocutionary
contest for a gold medal this year. I must
say the boys took much interest in it. In
fact their efforts were much appreciated
by a large audience of kind friends and
patrons. A special word of thanks is due to the
judges—Mr. A. P. Wilder, Consul-General for
U.S.A., Mr. J. J. Leiria, Consul-General for
Portugal and Brazil; and Mr. G. T. Lloyd, editor
South China Morning Post. Those gentlemen
generously volunteered to give a medal to the
second boy. A library of interesting and in-
structive literature has been opened in connection
with the Oxford class, and we note with pleasure
that our boys derive great profit from it. Any
little contribution from our generous friends
will be thankfully received. The Chinese depart-
ment of the College is becoming more efficient.
The boys who enter under 10 take up a very
good English tone. But those who begin the
study of English over 14 rarely acquire a correct
English accent. Some boys in this department
are very irregular. Their parents seem to keep
them at home for the most futile pretences.
Three of the boys who passed the late Oxford ex-
amination were Chinese, but it should be remem-
bered that those boys began English in the first
Standard. Our boys continue to take a lively
interest in football. We have entered two
teams for the shield competition this year,
but as they are allowed the use of the play-
ground at Causeway Bay for only a few hours
a week, much cannot be expected from them.
Now-a-days outdoor games are essential to every
well-equipped college. At present we have only
one small yard for play, where the boys have
hardly standing room. Of course our position
is such that we cannot expect a large cricket
field. But I believe that a very good tennis
court could be made by walling in and levelling
the garden in front of the College. This would
cost a considerable sum, but, no doubt, many of
our generous old boys and kind patrons would
come to our aid.

The Inspector of Schools' Report was as
follows:—

Staff.—Bro. Christian, 11 Assistant Masters
and one Chinese Assistant Teacher.
Discipline and Organization.—Very good.
Sanitation.—Very satisfactory.
Floor Space.—Sufficient for 522 boys.
Apparatus.—Very satisfactory.
English Reading.—Good on the whole.
Standard VI very good.

Composition.—Good to fair. Poor in I. The
essays in VII Junior were not quite up to the
usual standard. In Standards V and VI
essays should be done and not merely the

reproduction of stories. The pupils in the upper
standards have not a great stock of ideas on
general subjects for essays.

Diction.—Good.
Grammar.—Good on the whole. In Standard
IV passing was faulty and in VI it was done
in a somewhat slovenly manner. In this
Standard too the spelling of grammatical terms
was very poor.

Geography.—Good. Standard V might have
done better if the questions set had been
more carefully studied.

History.—Good. A noticeable feature in all
the papers was the absence of dates. Had dates
been given even to a limited extent the per-
centage of marks would have been very much
higher. In Standard V the difference between
the good and poor papers is so marked that it
seems difficult to believe that all the pupils in
this class received the same instruction.
Arithmetic.—Very good in I, IV, VI and
VII Senior. Good in III and V, and fair
only in II and VII Junior.

Algebra.—Fair in Standard V. The pro-
blems were weak. Standard VI very good.
Standard VII Junior poor; 39 per cent. Senior
very fair 57 per cent. Standard VII Junior
was also weak in the problems.

Geometry.—Standard VI fair. VII Junior
fair. Senior good.

Geometrical Drawing.—Standard V only, poor.
Marks were lost as no boy attempted question
5, an easy question. Full marks were given
for 5/6 of the paper. Several boys failed to
score any marks.

Book-keeping.—Very good. Standard VII
Senior and Junior.

Literature.—Standard VI and VII Senior
and Junior. Standard VI good on the whole.
Standard VII fair.

CHINESE DIVISION.—(Three standards in all).
English-reading.—Good in Standard I and II,
fair in III. The pronunciation of many of the
pupils was defective.

Colloquial.—Good to fair.

Composition.—Fair.

Diction.—Good in Standard I, poor in II,
and very good in III. The handwriting was
neat.

Grammar.—Good in II, and fair in III.

Geography.—Good.

Arithmetic.—Very good in I, very fair in II
and excellent 99 per cent. in III.

Chinese-Reading.—Good except in II where
there were too many pupils who could not read
at all.

Composition.—Good on the whole. Class I
should do sentence building, II question and
answer, and III a letter.

The standard of Chinese class III is not very
high. (It corresponds with the IV class of 6
classes, Class I being the highest at the Ellis
Kadoorie school.) The pupils should be divided
up into separate Chinese classes according to
their merits. At present the English and
Chinese classes are the same. This system
naturally tends to keep smart boys back.

Grant.—Some subjects show a slight falling
off since last year. The general standard of the
work however is good. I therefore again return
the school as "thoroughly efficient" and recom-
mend full grant 35/.

In conclusion, Brother CHRISTIAN said:—I beg
to present my grateful thanks to the follow-
ing gentlemen for their generous contributions
to our prize fund.—Vice-Admiral Sir Hedworth
Lambton, Mr. H. N. Mody, Mr. A. P. Wilder
Consul-General for U.S.A., Consul-General J.
J. Leiria, Mr. Gonzales de Bernedo, Consul for
Chili, Mr. J. R. M. Smith, manager Hongkong
and Shanghai Bank, Mr. Percy Smith, Mr. Ho
tung, Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. Francisco Tas Yat,
Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, Mr. J. Machado,
Mr. Ellis Kadoorie, Catholic Union for their
prize of \$25 for the best paper in Religious
Knowledge, Mr. Bellifors for the scholarship of
\$25 for the best paper in English, Mr. Shing
Kee and Mr. S. Kingsbury.

The following were awarded Oxford certifi-
cates of the grades mentioned:—

Preliminary.—D. Rosario, M. Gochico, L.
Gotherts, L. Robat, H. Barrenegoa, V.
Gardner, E. Baptista, A. Silbermann, C.
Gardner, F. Goke, Cheung Kai, J. Rodriguez,
T. Carvalho, R. Lutz, Y. Yvanovich, Yan Loy.
Junior.—P. Prevost, J. Thuan, (distinction
in religious knowledge), M. Biard, J. Silva, I.
Mayer, J. Asensio, R. Elias, F. Tavares, E.
Marques (distinction religious knowledge).

Senior.—C. Sequeira, F. Lopez, (distinction
Spanish), H. Baeto, P. O'Brien, J. Ezra, M.
Stenberg.

His EXCELLENCY, who on rising was re-
ceived with cheers, said—My Lord Bishop,
Reverend Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen:
When I had the pleasure and privilege last year
of distributing the prizes here I was able to
congratulate the masters and the boys on a
very distinct and marked progress. I am very
glad to be able to say this year that I can
congratulate you on an even more marked progress
than last year, both in attendance and in the
results of the Oxford Local Examinations. The
average daily attendance last year was 299;
this year it is 337, which is a very creditable
proportion of the total maximum enrolment.
In the matter of the Oxford Local Examination,
we have just heard from the Reverend Director
that this year six pupils passed in the senior,
one with distinction, as against only two last
year; and that nine passed in the junior division,
two with distinction, as against only seven last
year. Those are results which you may be very
proud of, and if, as I hope it will be the
case, the scheme for a university in Hongkong
should fructify and mature during the com-
ing year, it is clear that this college will
have many pupils who will be qualified to
enter as undergraduates. I am glad to see
that you still pay special attention to
shorthand and typewriting, and that you
have also a class for elocution. These are all
exceedingly useful and valuable subjects of
practical use in whatever sphere of life boys
may enter after leaving school. The school is
returned again as thoroughly efficient, with the
maximum possible grant. During the past year

The school has suffered a great loss in the transfer of its director, the Reverend Sylvester, to Cayton, but I am quite confident that the Reverend Christian, who succeeds him, will maintain the standards set by his predecessor to whom the efficiency of the school is due, and that he will be equally loved and respected as the Reverend Sylvester was (applause). I came here this afternoon to present the prizes, and not to preach a sermon to the boys, and I want to say one or two words of advice. They shall be very brief, and since they are brief I hope you will bear them in mind. I do not forget that this school is primarily a school for the sons of European parents. I am very glad to hear from the director and the Inspector of Schools that the Chinese section is such a success, but still the school is primarily one for the sons of European parents. You all know, boys, that the people of the great Empire of China are now learning to value Western knowledge, and that their sons are going to Europe and America to acquire this, and that many of them are going to schools such as this in Hongkong. They will then mix with European boys and will learn not only from books, but will learn still more from their associates in the playground and in the class room. Now, I want, you to set to them a good example of what a European boy should be. You should treat them and let them see that we in the West do not tolerate what is mean and what is sneaking, so that when they go back to their own country they can carry with them the high idea of the standard of European boys. Every boy in this school, however young, exerts some influence, and I want you to see that it is an influence for good. This is the only word I have to say to you. It will now be my pleasure to distribute the prizes which I see on the table here, and in conclusion I wish you all very happy holidays and a real good time before you come back to school at the beginning of next year (applause).

The Rev. Bishop Pozzoni, representing the Catholics of Hongkong, thanked his Excellency very sincerely for the interest he had taken in St. Joseph's College. Such interest was certainly a great encouragement both to teachers and pupils. They were not only encouraged by his Excellency's presence, but also received the kind words of advice which his Excellency never failed to give. They were all pleased to know that St. Joseph's College held such an important place among the educational establishments of Hongkong, and there was no doubt that the work it accomplished during the past year really deserved commendation (applause). The speaker concluded by again thanking his Excellency and wishing the brothers and pupils all success during the coming year.

The Governor then distributed the prizes, after which the pupils staged a drama in two acts by Cardinal Wiseman. The success of a play is gauged by the reception of the audience, and as "The Hidden Gem" was received with great applause there can be nothing but a flattering result to record on behalf of the boys of St. Joseph's. The cast was as under—

Euphemianus, A Roman Patrician, J. M. Lopes
Alexius, under the name Ignatius, his son
P. Prevost
Cassius, a boy his nephew
J. J. Thuan
Proculus, his friend and steward
H. Barrenengoa
J. B. Kuyen
J. M. Tavaras
J. G. S. Silva
R. D. Bayista
R. P. Lus
R. M. Rodrigues
An Imperial Chamberlain, J. Aseado
Some one of the Arentine Hill in Rome, partly outside, partly in the court or atrium of Euphemianus' house, in the Reign of Honorius, and the Pontificate of Innocent I.

THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY OF BOMBAY.

[SPECIALLY WRITTEN FOR THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

After three successive years of great prosperity the textile industry in India and the world over has this year witnessed an abnormal depression causing not little anxiety to manufacturers and traders concerned. Amongst them India has had its full share of the depression and it is proposed in this review to deal with a few facts and figures relative to the cotton mill industry of one of our most valuable dependencies, more especially the trade in Bombay. Cotton yarn has contributed its mite to the growth and prosperity of our rising colony and is considered with us as second in importance and value to that of opium.

The first mention of the trade is to be found in the year 1874 when sales of 2,243 bales in the local market were recorded. In 1875 sales increased to 2,715 bales. In 1876 imports from Bombay of 17,598 bales and of sales in Hongkong of 5,809 bales are recorded. In the space of four years imports and sales increased to 60,265 and 39,052 bales respectively. From 1880 the trade would appear to have advanced with rapid strides, and in 1890 receipts aggregated 202,889 and sales 187,33 bales. In 1892 the climax was reached when supplies totalled 237,569 bales, and 219,189 bales passed into consumption. The year 1893 was a period of great disaster to the trade when imports fell off about 30,000 and sales close upon 50,000 bales, consequent on the closing of the mints to the free coinage of silver by the Indian Government. In the middle of the year exchange at once dropped down from Rs. 217 to Rs. 195 per \$100, or 22 points. There were at the time about 70,000 bales of unsold and unsold yarn in Hongkong and Kowloon Godowns, and calculating the decline in exchange at Rs. 15 per bale of an average value of \$70, the depreciation in value alone amounts up to over 10 lakhs of Rupees. In the year 1894 plague made its first appearance in Hongkong and less yarn went into consumption. Subsequently as exchange settled down, trade again resumed its elasticity, and despite plague and famine prevailing all over India, imports during

1899 reached the high, if not the highest figure, say of 315,310 bales, and sales amounted to 203,618 bales. In 1900, however, there was another temporary check to business. The failure of the Monsoon and consequent scarcity of the raw material necessitated the closing of the weaker mills and the general adoption of short time in Bombay, in October 1899. Receipts then fell off from 315,310 to 151,610, and sales from 203,618 to 152,277 bales. Since 1900 trade has more advanced with rapid strides and at the close of 1905 imports to the extent of 338,696 were recorded during the 12 months, the highest figure in the annals of the trade. The Russo-Japanese war had then ended and in anticipation of the opening of Manchuria the Far Eastern markets were inundated with Yarn. We in Hongkong received nearly 3½ lakhs of bales and Shanghai about the same quantity thus making up the amount to close upon 7 lakhs of bales in 12 months. Some how or other, thanks to the efforts of our noble allies, these anticipations were not realized, and in the absence of any adequate response from the consuming districts, this abnormal influx of goods told disastrously on the market during 1906. At the end of that year 11 out of 15 native yarn dealing Hongks collapsed with liabilities estimated at 3 millions of dollars and subsequently two Indian firms had to stop payment with liabilities estimated at over 80 lakhs of Rupees. Last year the trade increased in volume, but was on the whole unremunerative to exporters. No better can be said of the working of the past 12 months for, although receipts and sales show a substantial increase, the efforts to adjust yarn prices to the lower level of exchange during the past two years, have rendered business most unsatisfactory and unremunerative.

At the beginning of the year there were in Bombay Island 90 Mills, working 26 lakhs of spindles and 32,000 looms. The earnings of these 90 mills during the last three years have been as under, viz—

In 1905 Rupees 3½ crores, including Rupees 48 lakhs commission.

In 1906 Rupees 3 crores, 14 lakhs, including Rupees 47 lakhs commission.

In 1907 Rupees 1 crore 96 lakhs, including Rupees 33 lakhs commission.

In 1908 the earnings are anticipated at 1½ crores. These handsome profits have gone a long way in strengthening the machinery and financial reserves of many of the good mills. Apart from this consideration of profits the *Swadeshi* movement and the expansion of the home market has been given a great impetus to weaving, and the weaving of better cloth. The spindle power of Bombay during the last decade has increased by 20 per cent, whereas the loom power has increased by 50 per cent. The mills are now turning out cloth which would have been considered quite beyond their capacity a few years ago. The cloth turned out in 1906 weighed measured 3,447 yards per pound, in 1907 it measured 4,271. So that it will be seen that there has been more weaving than spinning in these mills lately. And the Bombay spinners have now obtained a firm footing in Arabia, East Africa, and the Levant, not to mention the home demand with its weaving mills and the numerous hand-loom scattered over the country. The yarn has been recently placed successfully on the Manchester market, and if the Indian spinners meet the wishes of and satisfy the requirements of the English buyer by guaranteeing quality and strength another rich and large market would be secured for their production. In short the Indian spinners are not now solely dependent on the Far Eastern markets, and to quote the words of an Anglo-Indian paper "whatever may be the trouble of Lancashire and whatever may be the state of the yarn trade and yarn markets in the Far East, the prosperity of our textile industry is more or less secured."

These statistics given below may not be positively correct for Hongkong being a free port prevents any sort of official check or record, but they are taken from reliable sources and the totals are all from our own kept fortnightly figures, and it is reasonable to assume that they are not more out one fortnight than another and that consequently the figures may be taken as approximately correct—

Year	Sales	Arrivals	Year	Sales	Arrivals
1874	2,243	1891	161,504	218,735	
1875	2,715	1892	219,189	237,569	
1876	5,809	1893	171,491	207,935	
1877	16,000	1894	169,117	237,260	
1878	24,455	1895	213,834	257,803	
1879	40,548	1896	215,375	256,367	
1880	39,052	1897	187,948	279,482	
1881	54,813	1898	221,144	308,978	
1882	75,583	1899	263,618	315,310	
1883	89,389	1900	152,277	151,610	
1884	112,450	1901	197,992	298,885	
1885	147,394	1902	185,213	298,418	
1886	194,974	1903	168,884	291,739	
1887	182,152	1904	146,633	219,605	
1888	182,198	1905	147,617	338,696	
1889	194,941	1906	81,818	269,869	
1890	187,330	1907	137,618	146,395	

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 21st at 11.30 a.m.—The barometer has risen over E. China, and fallen elsewhere particularly over N. China.
A depression, which is probably moving Eastward, has developed over the Lower Yangtze, and the highest pressure is now shown over S. Japan.
The monsoon will moderate in the Formosa Channel, but continue to blow strongly over the China Sea.
Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.05 inches.
The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows—

N.E. and E. winds, fresh to moderate; fair.
Same as No. 1.
Same as No. 1.
Same as No. 1.
Same as No. 1.

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LOCAL SPORT.

BASEBALLERS AT CRICKET.

On the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday the Reach All-American Baseball team tied conclusions with a Hongkong eleven at the royal game of cricket, a game to which they were comparatively strangers. At the Valley on Saturday they had a soft thing with local baseballers, but yesterday they struck a "tough proposition" in a Hongkong cricket eleven. A few local travelers gladly lent their assistance to the visitors, and gave them a few points in the national game of Britain. In all fairness it must be admitted that the Americans took on a game to which they were comparatively new chums, but there is no denying the fact that when they got on to ball they shifted it "some." Local travelers who went up to deliver to give the visitors a chance, were somewhat surprised to see the ball sounding to boundary, but soon learned the fact that when a baseballer lifts the leather it travels. The visitors, as they say in Manila, crooned the ball "pretty considerable," but the local men appeared to have rather buttry fingers. The baseballers went in first, but did not stay long, the wicket of the last man falling for a total of 38. Then the local team went to the wickets and the innings was declared when six wickets had fallen and the total was 139. The All-Americans then went in for a second turn, and during the innings there was some "pretty tall" hitting, many boundaries being registered, and the innings closing with a total of 121 runs. Hongkong did not bat a second time, and the match ended in a drawn game. Scores and analyses follow—

1st INNINGS, ALL AMERICANS.		
W. Doran, c and b Liepmann	2	
Extras	4	
Total	58	

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Baird	6.3	1	27	6
Liepmann	8	1	7	5
1st INNINGS, H.K.C.C.				
L. Haughton, c and b Liepmann	1			
E. O. Bird, c Heilmuller, b Lammert	0			
Caple, b Baird	10			
L. Liepmann, c McDermid, b Peake	0			
L. C. Pearce, c Lammert, b Peake	0			
A. H. Young, not out	3			
A. O. Day, b Peake	7			
Extras	4			
Total	139			

2nd INNINGS, ALL AMERICANS.		
Delehanty, c Day, b Young	59	
W. Doran, c and b Haughton	1	
Hildebrand, c Liepmann, b Haughton	0	
McDermid, c Pearce, b Haughton	0	
Heilmuller, c Pearce, b Bird	0	
Dunsie, b Liepmann	0	
Williams, c Lammert, b Young	13	
Blair, c Haughton, b Young	23	
Hinton, c and b Bird	0	
Peake, not out	4	
Extras	4	
Total	121	

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Haughton	5	1	29	4
E. O. Bird	7	1	42	3
Young	4	1	27	3
Day	2	—	—	—

BOWLING.

The match between the Hongkong Club and Club Germania was brought to a close on Saturday, the result being a victory for the former by 1440 pins. Scores—

HONGKONG CLUB.	English	German	Total
Alleya			
Brown	795	814	1609
Kemp	742	761	1503
Lane	688	760	1448
Tratman	686	745	1431
Atkinson	744	668	1412
Hooper	714	634	1348
Humphreys	645	668	1313
McIlraith	718	587	1305
			11369

GERMAN CLUB.	English	German	Total
Alleya			
Wagner	651	718	1369
Meyer	657	673	1330
Eberius	662	659	1321
Snyder	667	581	1248
Hell	568	754	1322
Christiani	583	657	1240
Ohme	494	627	1122
Thieszen	490	607	1097
			9929

Brown's 1609 is the record since the opening of the present German Club. The winning margin of 1440 is also a record. The team composed of J. H. Kemp, Brown, Lane and Humphreys, who average 750.7 on the German Alleya, made a remarkable average.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

The under-mentioned will represent the H.K.F.C. in a Rugby match to be played at Valley, to-day, 22nd inst., at 5 p.m. sharp, v. H.M.S. Kent.
Back—E. L. Shaw. Three-quarters—F. G. Carroll, A. E. Wood, A. A. Claxton, A. S. Printer. Halves—C. A. Ferrier, W. S. Home, Forwards—H. G. C. Bailey, C. C. F. Cunningham, F. G. W. Lester, P. Linton, G. D. Molloy, W. B. Stanton, E. D. C. Wolfe.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL SHIELD.
Below is the League table to-date.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.	F.
B.E.	3	2	0	1	12	3
Y.M.C.A.	3	2	0	1	12	3
Buffs.	3	2	0	1	4	2
B.G.A.	3	1	1	0	11	2
R.A.M.C.	3	1	2	0	3	2
Naval Yard	3	1	1	1	9	4
Lusitania	3	0	3	0	1	2
B.O.C.	2	0	2	0	0	18

NEW AUSTRALIAN SERVICE.

SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA.

The inauguration on December 16th of the new direct steamship service between Shanghai and Australia ports, commencing with the arrival of the steamer *Empire*, Captain Helms, will prove of great benefit to merchants and residents alike, and will enable residents to have a constant supply of fresh fruits, hams, butter, etc., and despite the low exchange, the goods will be able to be put on the China Market at a reasonable rate. The question of this service has long been agitated and it is due mainly to the efforts of Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co. that it has now become a certainty. The three vessels of the Eastern and Australian Steamship company, namely the *Empire*, *Eastern* and *Admiral*, are now receiving a subsidy from several of the Australian governments and will constitute the new service. To celebrate the inauguration a large number of guests were invited to visit the vessel on December 16th and at three o'clock they boarded the tender *Sin Fu-yun* which was gaily dressed with bunting for the occasion and after a few minutes run, the *Empire* was reached at the Hongkong wharf where the visitors were received by Captain Helms and his officers. They were escorted to the saloon of the steamer where they partook of "an Australian tea" and other refreshments, after which several speeches were made and responded to.

Mr. Donald McDonald of Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co. rose and said—Captain Helms and gentlemen.—In the unavoidable absence of Mr. McLeod and Mr. Kinnear, it devolves upon me as representing the agents of the Eastern and Australian Steamship Co. Ltd., to make a few remarks in reference to the occasion which we are gathered here to celebrate, and the inauguration of the direct monthly service of steamers from the Australian Colonies to Shanghai. We also desire to extend a hearty welcome to the *Empire*, her captain, officers and crew, as being the first steamer of the Line to make Shanghai a port of call for a period of nearly three years. Most of you are aware that for a very long time past, Australian importers in Shanghai have been labouring under the great disadvantage of being without means of direct steamship communication with the Colonies, in consequence of which it has been found next to impossible to import perishable commodities such as fresh butter, hams, fruit, etc., owing to the great difficulty of securing space in the refrigerators of any of the mail steamers running from Hongkong to Shanghai. For at least three years the question has been an aggravated one. Quite recently we have had a famine in Australian butter here, the sole cause of which has been the enforced inability of importers to obtain space at a reasonable price owing to the very heavy expense entailed in shipping at Hongkong, coupled with the abnormally low rate of exchange which has prevailed for some time past. To remedy this unsatisfactory state of matters has been an object of the most constant and earnest endeavour by all parties interested, both here and in Australia, but, while the E. and A. Co. have been in full sympathy with merchants and stevedores, the only way to remedy the situation was to secure a direct line of steamers to Shanghai, and along with the expense of running a heavy and quick communication with the amount of freight to be earned, the Colonial Governments have been very deliberate in arriving at a decision to pay such a subsidy as would cover the cost of the deviation to Shanghai. Thanks largely to the unwearied efforts of Mr. B. L. Leven, the representative in China of the Victorian Government, who recently visited Australia and impressed on his chiefs the urgent necessity of paying this subsidy if direct communication with Shanghai was to be established, the Government of Victoria and New South Wales have at length decided to consent to this course being adopted and called for tenders for service. The E. and A. Co. secured the contract, and thus it has come about that the *Empire* is here to-day, delivering the first cargo to our merchants. We are all looking forward to the new venture proving a great success. Consumers will be largely benefited; merchants will now be able to go ahead with confidence, assured of regular direct communication; and, as the agents of the Company, I need hardly assure you that my will at all time be only too pleased to do all in our power to further the interests of all concerned in anyway we can. I ask you, then to drink to the success of the new service.

The toast was drunk amid loud applause. Capt. Helms, who has been in the employ of the company for the past thirty-four years, said he was not much of a speaker but there was a gentleman on his left who could tell them something of Australian produce. He was glad that the service had been started and hoped it would continue.—*Exchange*.

THE EWO COTTON SPINNING AND WEAVING CO., LTD.

The thirteenth ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd., was held on December 13th at the offices of the General Manager (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd.), Mr. David Landale presided.
The notice convening the meeting having been read.
The Chairman said—Gentlemen.—Following the usual practice at meetings in Shanghai, I propose that by your approval, to take the account and accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1908, which have been in your hands for some days, as read.
At the last annual meeting, I remarked that the outlook could not be called brilliant, but that there were indications that the Yarn trade was assuming a more normal course and I have now to inform you that during the first six months of our financial year, the demand for our spinning has been greater than we desired, but, in accordance with the general market, the tide turned and enabled us to gradually improve our margin in profit. At the beginning of August, the situation appeared to warrant our again working the mill at night, and the necessary hands having been secured, day and night work was commenced on the 17th of that month, since when it has been continued without interruption and materially helped the result for the twelve months under review. As you can well understand, night and day work taken over European hands to the utmost, and the General Managers desire to take this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the able manner in which the staff has overcome the difficulties of keeping the mill running continuously, and of securing the record production, which they have done, and which testify that the machinery is in first class order. (Applause.) I am happy to say that the outlook for the immediate future is encouraging, our production having been set for the first four months of our financial year, that is, to the end of February, at satisfactory day and night working profits on our purchases of cotton, which cover all sales, and, considering the comparatively small stocks in Shanghai of Indian and Japanese yarns, combined with the increasing consumption of yarn made in China, I venture to express the hope that we shall be able to continue to run our mill day and night, and come before you at this time

next year with a report at least as satisfactory as the one now under discussion. (Applause.) During the year, cotton was of a fair average quality, but the crop of better grades was short, and the deficit was made good with importations from India. I trust that the proposed appropriation of the balance at credit of profit and loss account will meet with your approval, and that you will consider a dividend of Tls. 5 per share satisfactory. The General Managers and Consulting Committee are of opinion that it is advisable to add Tls. 135,000 to Repairs and Renewals Account, the balance at credit of that account, which, as you will remember, was inaugurated in 1905, being reduced to Tls. 7,702.34 on 31st October. The writing down of furniture will, I feel sure, commend itself to you. Our Special Repairs and Renewals, the sum of Tls. 15,574.83 has been expended; this amount besides covering the cost of numerous improvements, includes the cost of mechanical stokers for the four boilers at the mill. The stokers have been in working order for some weeks, and in the saving of fuel, not to speak of a considerable abatement of smoke, will return good interest on the money spent. I do not know that any other items call for special comment, with perhaps, the exceptions of interest and fire insurance, which, owing to our working with comparatively small stocks of yarn, compare very favourably with the expenditure in the previous year, interest being, practically one half what it was in the preceding twelve months. I shall be pleased to answer any questions that may be asked.

There were no questions and on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shaw, the report and accounts as presented were adopted. The Chairman proposed that a dividend of Tls. 5 per share be paid out of last year's profit. Mr. Crichton seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. H. J. Clark proposed that the Consulting Committee as at present constituted be re-elected for the current year.—On this being seconded by Mr. Brodie, A. Clark the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. G. R. Wingrove was re-elected as the company's auditor on a proposal by Mr. Sanson, seconded by Mr. Drakeford.

The Chairman thanked shareholders for their attendance and said that dividend warrants would be ready on the following day.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

THE MERCANTILE MARINE.

In the House of Lords, last month, Lord Munkery moved to resolve that it is the opinion of this House that, for the better defence of this country, the Government should forbid the granting of Board of Trade certificates for competency as masters or mates to any who are not British subjects. He pointed out that 1,900 officers and 25,000 men in the merchant service belonged to the Royal Naval Reserve. In the event of a big war they would all be taken for the Navy, and we should have to depend on foreigners for both officers and men to man the vessels that brought us our food supply. He deprecated issuing of officers' certificates to foreigners. In the case of war the captain of a vessel would probably be the first, and perhaps the only person, on board to hear of it, and if he were a subject of the Power with whom we were at war, what would be easier than for him to take his vessel into a port of the enemy? From the return up to April 4, it appeared that there were 34,052 British sailors in the merchant service, and if the 25,000 Naval Reserve men were deducted from that number, only 9,052 were left to man the merchant fleet; that was to say, that 80 per cent. of our shipping would be manned by foreigners.

Lord Ellenborough thought that in future no certificates of competency to act as master or mate should be granted to foreigners, though he would allow a foreigner to be shipped to fill up a vacancy at some foreign port and some colonial port, and that he should be discharged when the ship reached a port in which were facilities for obtaining British-born men with certificates of competency. If British ships were warned against possible capture when war was imminent, power would be put into the hands of an alien to betray a ship and the crew would be placed in a most unfair position. The alien captain might be a belligerent and mutiny might be the duty of the crew to their country. If the alien was a neutral he could not be hanged for his treason. He thought that if it were found that most of the ships commanded by aliens were also owned by aliens; they brought no money into British pockets and had nothing British about them but the flag, and they hoisted our flag because we had a powerful Navy and efficient Consuls.

Lord Hamilton of Dalzell said the noble lord had frequently raised this subject and within the last ten years had introduced five Bills to give effect to his views, though he had never introduced the House to give a second reading to those Bills. No doubt from several points of view it would be desirable to see merchant vessels commanded by British officers, but the noble lord dwelt on the danger to our food supplies through the service of foreign officers who might, he said, hand over ships to the enemy. If there was any fear of that on a large scale the prospect might be alarming, but after all the proportion of foreigners holding Board of Trade certificates was not quite 2 per cent., and these were of many nationalities, and the probable proportion of an enemy's subjects would be very small indeed.

British ships had British owners who would not entrust a ship to a man likely to hand it over to the enemy and self-interest was a strong motive for carrying a vessel to her proper port. There were Norwegian sailors usually engaged in the timber trade, there were vessels in the Levantine trade where the knowledge of a foreign language in a master was valuable. On the other hand, British officers and men were engaged on foreign ships and any such exclusion as the motion proposed would lead to retaliation.

The Earl of Meath thought the proposal in the motion eminently reasonable and the Government reply most unsatisfactory. That the command of British ships by foreigners had an element of danger in time of war was conceded, and it was to be remembered that the subjects of foreign States had passed terms of service in the army or navy. If action such as was contemplated by the motion should be followed by retaliation, so much the better; the British seamen would then enter the British service.

The motion was by leave withdrawn.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The I.G.M. str. *P. E. Friedrich* carrying the German Mail with dates from Berlin of the 2nd inst., has left Colombo on the 20th inst. a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 31st inst.

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In the Schaepp oxy-gas welding process is used a special burner, in which a blast of air at a pressure of 1½ pounds per square inch is combined with coal gas, and which has a second blast from which, air at 30 to 50 pounds per square inch can be turned on when the flame has been regulated. The combination at once raises the heat to about 4500 deg. F. In this hot flame metals are welded with remarkable facility, and pieces of cast-iron joined together prove to be stronger at the joint than on either side of it. Why a gas flame with two blasts of unequal velocity should have the observed effects on metals is not yet explained. In place of coal gas, acetylene, naphtha and hydrogen have given equally good results, and natural and producer gas would probably serve quite as well.

The pollution of streams by factory waste is being shown by the investigations of the United States Geological Survey to be unjustified. The experiments prove that the sewage can be purified at moderate cost, and that the valuable materials recovered may make good this expense, while in some cases there should be a good profit, as in the recovery of wool fat and potash from wool-scouring liquor.

Baths of oxygen, in which the patient half reclines for 10 to 25 minutes, are being employed by Dr. Oskar Frankl, a German physician, for female nervous troubles associated with increased pulse tension. From 25 to 30 quarts of oxygen are generated each time. The baths reduce the excessive blood pressure and exert a sedative action, each bath having been followed by quiet sleep in a severe case of sleeplessness.

The novel process of "lifting" in granite quarrying seems to have effected a considerable revolution in an ancient industry, greatly reducing work and expense. In some localities, like Mt. Airy in North Carolina, large masses of rock are solid and homogeneous, practically free from joint cracks and bedding planes, and can be split readily in a straight line in any direction. At such places it is practicable to separate immense horizontal sheets, several acres in extent and of any desired thickness, to be drilled and split subsequently into the required sizes. A hole is first drilled to a depth corresponding to the thickness wanted—say, six or eight feet and a pocket is formed at the bottom by exploding a little dynamite, after which successive and increasing charges of powder are used to start a horizontal crack and extend it 75 or 100 feet in all directions. Compressed air, at a pressure of 70 to 80 pounds is then forced into the hole, enlarging the crack further until it becomes visible on the hillside. At the Mt. Airy quarries, two water-tube boilers, each of 210 horse-power, furnish steam for the compressor, which can deliver 2,000 cubic feet of air per minute through the six-inch pipes, driving the pneumatic tools as well as "lifting" the sheets of granite.

A mixture of sulphuric ether, denatured alcohol, benzine, gutta serena, glycerine and amyl acetate is used by H. Dugour, of Paris, for impregnating cloth, paper, wood, etc., and is claimed to strengthen and preserve the materials in addition to making them waterproof and washable. For washable wall coverings the composition is mixed with an adhesive mordant and powdered pigment before applying to the paper.

The artificial butter of A. M. Sorensen, of Hojeler, Denmark, is made by stirring coconut fat with a little salt and sugar at about 20 degrees C, then cooling and kneading, with milk containing lactic acid bacteria, yolk of egg, and a coloring substance.

The immersion in oil of the working parts of machinery has produced quite remarkable results. W. Worby Beaumont, at the recent meeting of the British Association, pointed out that, since the advent of the motor car, the size of gearwheels has been reduced to one-tenth of that formerly considered necessary to transmit the power, and there has been extraordinary increase in endurance. While the special materials used are entitled to some credit, the bath lubrication has been the chief agent in improvement. The oil film taken up actually prevents two teeth from coming in contact, and cars taken to pieces after running 150,000 miles have shown not a working part touched, the teeth being no more worn than if they had been used but five minutes. The new method has been equally effective on other parts besides the gears.

The new glass of Karl Fischer, of Salzburg, Upper Bavaria, is claimed to reproduce the beautiful velvety gloss which has made notable certain Roman ware. It has been supposed that the ancient workmen used a fusible glaze containing lead, boric acid, silica, etc., but experiments with those materials have given no satisfactory results. A clay sludge is applied by Mr. Fischer to the ware after the first baking. The surface is polished, the ware being then fired, and the long-sought gloss is brought out. Interesting work with the new process will be done at the German emperor's private pottery.

The new eye-glass, or "periscope" of Com-mandant Soule de Cenac, of the French Legion of Honour, serves the usual purpose of correcting myopia and other defects of vision, and in addition, by ingenious use of reflections, gives views at the side and behind. It has proven unexpectedly valuable to the deaf by warning them of dangers that other people detect by hearing.

VINTAGE REPORT FOR 1908.

Moscow. Cutler, Palmer & Co. the well-known wine and spirit merchants of London and India make the following observations in their annual Vintage Report for the year just terminating—

FRANCE. Bordeaux.—The flowering took place under very favourable conditions, the weather remaining fine for practically the whole summer. We have reason to hope that some good wines will be made. The "oidium" which prevailed in the Spring has been checked all over, and as a consequence 1908's will be better than at first anticipated. 1907's have developed very well and are now nice light and bouquet wines, while 1905's have become quite remarkable, and are in good condition for immediate bottling.

Burgundy.—The weather was somewhat unfavourable in the early spring and the few wines made early in September will taste green, but thanks to the warm weather at the end of the vintage those made later will be superior to the 1907's. The yield is, however, one-quarter less than the average.

Champagne.—The cryptogamic maladies, and particularly the mildew which this year has made great ravages in the Champagne vineyards, have resulted in the destruction of the vintage which may therefore be put down as all, there is, however, abundance of supplies of the 1904 and 1905 vintages on the market.

Saumur.—The year has not proved a very successful one, either in quality or quantity, and will not be quoted by shippers as a vintage, the spring frosts materially checked the proper development of the vines and the yield has proved disappointing.

Cognac.—The abnormal weather conditions which reigned during the spring and the first part of the summer considerably reduced the number of grapes, but the later warm weather had a very favourable influence on the crop, and although the quantity is very small, inferior to half of an ordinary crop, the quality is most excellent.

GERMANY. The 1908 vintage was turned out so badly as at first expected as the warm weather that prevailed towards the end of the vintage did wonders. The quality will be rather better than medium and the quantity above expectation.

PORTUGAL. The gathering took place in admirable weather, which continued during the whole of the vintage operations, and as a result the wines of 1908 are expected to be exceedingly fine. As regards the quantity of the vintage the yield is about 10 per cent. higher than that of 1907.

SPAIN. Sherry.—The yield may be considered satisfactory as regards quantity, and the result may be estimated at an increase of 33 per cent. on last year's crop. The "musts" are in most cases less rich in Saccharine than past years, and the vintage will develop into light fine wines, rather than full bodied ones.

Spanish Port or "Tarragona"—An exceptionally cold spring retarded the growth of the vines, but the warm summer weather prevented any great damage, and, though the quantity of the yield is distinctly less than that of last year, this is amply compensated for by the excellence of the quality.

MADEIRA. The vintage this year, though excellent in quality, is rather deficient in quantity.

SICILY. Marsala.—Owing to the lack of rain the grapes did not ripen properly, and it is calculated that the production of wine will be quite one-third less than last year, the quality being, but moderate.

ITALY. The weather throughout Italy during the year having been fine and favourable to the vines, and there being an absence of disease of any kind, the result has been both good as regards quality and quantity.

DEATH OF THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS.

The Grand Duke Alexis of Russia, the uncle of the present Tsar and the brother of the Grand Duke Vladimir and Paul died last month at his Paris residence, at the age of 58. He had been ill only about a week.

During the last three years since the destruction of the Russian fleet in the Far East the Grand Duke Alexis had spent almost his entire time in Paris. His father, Alexander II., had insisted upon his becoming a naval officer, and soon, as supreme head of the Russian fleet with the title of Grand Admiral, he rendered important services to his brother, the Tsar Alexander II., in the organization of the navy. When the present Tsar, Nicholas II., undertook the creation of the so-called volunteer fleet, the Grand Duke Alexis took part in the negotiations for the purchase of the ships which composed it. After the naval defeats of the Russo-Japanese war, which rendered him unpopular in Russia, he asked to be relieved of the command, and henceforth devoted himself to the life which seemed best to suit him—namely, that of a Grand Seigneur, keenly interested in all that was going on in the world of art and fashion. He became identified with the social, literary, and artistic life of Paris. His tall and characteristically Romanoff figure was conspicuous at the first nights of all the theatres and in the smart restaurants. He was often at Cannes and Biarritz, but more often still he entertained at his house in the Avenue Gabriel the best-known writers, painters, actors, and actresses of Paris. "Stumming" was one of his passions. He was curious as to the most picturesque details of the outer boulevards. Paris still remembers the famous excursion, lasting two days and two nights, made in company with the detective Rossignol, when he visited the haunts of the Parisian Apaches. During this *tournee des grands ducs*, as it is still called, the duke was recognized at one of the Montmartre cabarets by some companions, who called him "Monsieur." Periodically he visited the President of the Republic officially and was invited to the State shooting parties at Marly and Rambouillet. He had the reputation of being a good shot, and was often invited to Honnelles, the seat of the Duchesse d'Uzes, and the Vaux de Cernay, the estate of Baron Henri de Rothschild.

The Grand Duke Alexis was extremely popular in Paris, where his desire to be treated merely as an ordinary member of society was invariably respected. On learning of his death, President Fallieres immediately caused an expression of his sympathy to be conveyed by a member of military household to the Grand Duke Paul and the Duke George de Leuchtenberg, who were then in Paris. He telegraphed at the same time his condolences to the Tsar. The body was conveyed to St. Petersburg for burial.

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Hongkong, 14th November, 1908. 1566

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Hongkong, 13th August 1906. 28

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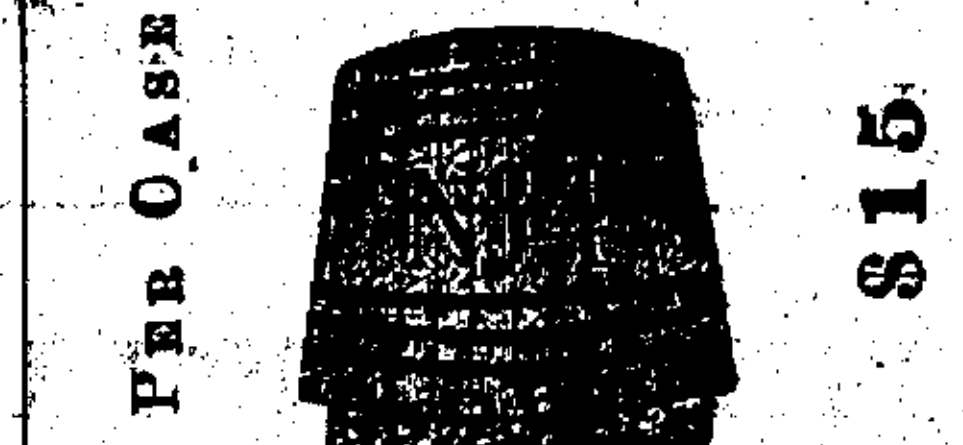
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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"BARCELONA" Capt. Porzella, having arrived Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter signature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before To-day. Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed at consignees' risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and restored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 21st inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1908. [1669]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS. From MIDDLESBRO', ANTWERP LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLENAVON," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at THEIR RISK into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, where such consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 23rd inst., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 23rd inst., at 11 A.M.

No claims will be recognized if not presented within 14 days of the ship's arrival.

McGREGOR, BROS. & GOW. Hongkong, 16th December, 1908. [1671]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN-IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"DEFFLINGER," having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 24th Dec., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th Dec., at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 23rd Dec., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1908. [5]

THE OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED,

AND

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAV. Co., LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo on THE OCEAN STEAMSHIP and THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s Steamers are hereby notified that on and after 1st JANUARY 1909, all Cargo on these Steamers will be landed into HOLT'S WHARF, KOWLOON, which will be open from that date to Receive and Store Cargo.

For Storage Rates and other particulars, Apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

THE OCEAN STEAMSHIP Co., LIMITED.

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION Co., LTD.

HOLT'S WHARF.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1908. [1664]

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

C. DIEDERICHSEN, German str., 774, Kayser, 21st Dec.—Hainan and Hainan 19th Dec., General—Johnson & Co.
CHINKIAN, British str., 1228, W. Kay, 21st Dec.—Daly via Chiofo 15th Dec., Bean cake etc.—Butterfield & Swire.
CHIVO MARU, Japanese str., 7250, W. W. Greene, 21st Dec.—Yokohama 16th Dec., General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
DEVAKONOR, German str., 1057, Brulin, 21st Dec.—Bangkok 10th and Hothow 19th Dec., Rice and Teak—Butterfield & Swire.
DUMBA, French str., 3219, F. Boyer, 21st Dec.—Yokohama 11th December, General—Messageries Maritimes.
HAIN FUNG, Chinese str., 1368, H. Mokinson, 21st Dec.—Taku 15th and Chiofo 16th Dec., General—Chinese.
JACOB DIEDERICHSEN, Ger. str., 623, Hansen, 21st Dec.—Swatow 20th Dec., General—Jensen & Co.
KIANGPING, Chinese str., 21st Dec.—Canton.
KUMANO MARU, Jap. str., 1147, N. Matheson, 21st Dec.—Melbourne 25th Nov., General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
KWANLOEE, Chinese str., 1437, R. Lincoln, 21st Dec.—Shanghai 18th Dec., General—C. M. S. N. Co.
PUGLIA, Italian cruiser, 21st Dec.—Shanghai 18th Dec.
SHINGUO MARU, Japanese str., 2163, Osakatsu, 21st Dec.—Moji 15th Dec., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
SUNDA, British str., 2936, G. M. Montford, 21st Dec.—London 7th Nov., General—P. & O. S. N. Co.
SUNGKIANG, British str., 856, Pennefather, 21st Dec.—Hilo 16th December, Hemp and Sugar—Butterfield & Swire.
WAKABA MARU, Jap. str., 9384, M. Nielsen, 21st Dec.—Yokohama via ports 9th Dec., General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
YUEHNAU, British steamer, 1123, P. H. Rolfe, 21st Dec.—Manila 18th Dec., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
21st December.
Chenau, British str., for Shanghai.
Dumban, French str., for Europe.
Fukuro, Jap. str., for Moji.
Hatching, British str., for Swatow.
Hilary, German str., for Hengay.
Hongkong Maru, Jap. str., for Yokohama.
J. Diederichsen, German str., for Hainan.
Yokohama Maru, Jap. str., for Kobe.

DEPARTURES.

21st December.
CALCHAS, British str., for London.
SIGNAL, German str., for Haiphong.
TAISHUN, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
YATSHING, British str., for Shanghai.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. Chinking reports: Strong N.E. gale with high sea.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

December 21st.
AHEDEEN DOCK—Sauer.
KOWLOON DOCK—H.M.S. Virago, Hinaang, Hilar, H.M.S. Alacrity, Prinz Waldemar, Protector, Heliotrop.
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S.S. "SIKH" On 26th Dec.
FOR BOSTON AND NEW YORK.
S.S. "MUNCASTER CASTLE" On 19th Jan. 09.
For Freight and further information, apply to DODWELL & Co., Ltd., Agents.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1908. [1298]



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Hongkong, 23rd November, 1908. [3]

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE Steamship
"ARRATON APCAR."
Captain A. Stewart will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 28th inst., at Noon.
This Steamer has superior accommodation for passengers, is installed throughout with Electric Light and carries a duly certified doctor.
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Hongkong, 18th December, 1908. [1677]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship
"GLENBARN."
Captain Haughton will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 6th January, 1909.
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McGREGOR BROS. & GOW.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1908. [1678]

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k." nearest Hongkong "h." midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m." and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2 From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3 From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & NO.	SECTION	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	SIRILIA	Brit. str.	—	C. W. Watkins, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 30th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	DELIA	Brit. str.	—	B. W. H. Snow	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 28th inst., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP	GLENBARN	Brit. str.	—	Haughton	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 4th Jan.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	DEN OF OIL	Ger. str.	k.w.	v. Döhrren	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 5th Jan.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	SCANDIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Luning	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 27th inst.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	ISTRIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Pors-lins	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 11th Jan.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	BARCELONA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 25th Jan.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	SLAVONIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Peter	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 28th Jan.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Boyer	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 22nd Febr.
MARSEILLES, &c. via PORTS OF CALL	DIEMER	Ger. str.	—	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 27th Febr.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	MACEDONIA	Ger. str.	—	—	—	To-day, at 1 p.m.
MARSEILLES & LONDON via BOMBAY	HIRANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	C. D. Bondest, R.N.R.	—	Beginning of January.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	WAKABA MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Fraser	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 20th March.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	SADO MARU	Jap. str.	—	N. Nielsen	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 20th inst., at D'light
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	BUELOW	Ger. str.	—	Geo. Anderson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at D'light
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERES, GIBRALTAR, &c.	PRINZESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	H. Formes	—	On 6th Jan., at D'light
TRIESTE, &c. via SINGAPORE, &c.	E. F. FERDINAND	Aus. str.	—	G. Rott	—	On 30th inst., at Noon.
NEW YORK	LENNOX	Brit. str.	—	Nitsche	SANDER, WIELER & Co.	On 10th March.
NEW YORK & BOSTON via SUEZ PORTS	SIRILIA	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	About 24th inst.
BOSTON & NEW YORK	INDRAWADI	Brit. str.	—	Williams	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-day.
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI, &c.	MUNCASTER CASTLE	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 26th inst.
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI, &c.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	3 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 5th Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, &c.	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 19th Jan., at 7 a.m.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, &c.	TOKA MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. L. Harrison	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 2nd March, at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, &c.	SHIMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Kawanu	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day, at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	INVERIC	Brit. str.	—	J. Boyd	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 5th Jan., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	TAIYUAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	L. Dawson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th Jan.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	NIRO MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. E. Moses	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day, at 4 p.m.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Ger. str.	—	F. Iske	MELCHERS & Co.	On 24th inst., at Noon.
EMPIRE	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	E. J. Holmes	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.	On 31st inst., at 5 p.m.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Homma	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 7th Jan., at Noon.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	N. Matheson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 22nd Jan., at Noon.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Koops	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 28th inst., at D'light
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	Charbonnel	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	To-morrow, at Noon.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Sato	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	Quick despatch.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	Y. Fusano	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	About 21st inst.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	G. M. Montford, R.N.R.	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	C. L. Daniel	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at 8 a.m.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	V. McClymont-Liddell	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-morrow, at Noon.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Arthur	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day, at 4 p.m.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. Stewart	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 24th inst., at Noon.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	B. Malchow	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 26th inst.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 26th inst., at 4 p.m.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 29th inst., at 4 p.m.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 28th inst., at Noon.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	About 31st inst.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 11th Jan., at Noon.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	Middle of January.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 3rd Jan.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 17th Jan.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	Quick despatch.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 24th inst., at D'light
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-morrow, at 8 a.m.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 29th inst., at 8 a.m.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-day, at 4 p.m.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 24th inst., at 4 p.m.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-day, at Noon.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-morrow, at Noon.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 25th inst., at Noon.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-day, at 10 a.m.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-day, at 3 p.m.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 24th inst., at 4 p.m.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 28th inst., at Noon.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 29th inst., at 3 p.m.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 2nd Jan., at Noon.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 31st inst., at 4 p.m.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 29th inst., at Noon.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 30th inst.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-day, at 4 p.m.
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 29th inst., at Noon.
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NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. BREMEN IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINES.

FOR	STREAMERS	TO SAIL
KUDAT & SANDAKAN ...	"BORNEO" Capt. F. SEMBIL	Tuesday, 29th Dec., at Noon.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERES, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP & HAMBURG	"BUELOW" Capt. H. FORMES	Wedday, 30th Dec., at Noon.
MANILA, YAP, NEW GUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE...	"PRINZ WALDEMAR" Capt. F. ISKE	Thursday, 31st Dec., at 5 p.m.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH" Capt. E. MALCHOW	About Thursday, 31st December.

For further Particulars, apply to

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
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GENERAL AGENTS, HONGKONG & CHINA.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1908.

THE BANK LINE, LIMITED.

CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR
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Steamers.	Tons.	Captain.	Sailing Date.
INVERIC	4,789	J. Boyd	On 14th January, 09
BOVERIC	4,445	Mathie	On 11th Febr., 09
SUVERIC	6,235	W. Shotton	On 11th March, 09

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SHANGHAI.

FOR	STREAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"TONKIN" Capt. Charbonnel	About 21st Dec.
MARSEILLES via PORTS	"DUMBEA" Capt. Boyer	On 22nd Dec., 1 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"SYDNEY" Capt. Henric	On 4th Jan., p.m.
MARSEILLES via PORTS	"ERNEST SIMONS" Capt. Girard	On 5th Jan., 1 p.m.
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SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, and YOKOHAMA	SUNDA	4 P.M., 22nd Dec.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	ASSAYE	About 25th Dec.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DELTA	Noon, 26th Dec.	See Special Advertisement.
LONDON and ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	SICILIA	On 30th Dec.	Freight and Passage.

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1908.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
HAIPHONG	"SINGAN"	On 22nd Dec., 10 A.M.
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 22nd Dec., 3 P.M.
AMOI and SHANGHAI	"KIUKIANG"	On 22nd Dec., 4 P.M.
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AMOI, MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO	"SUNGKIANG"	On 24th Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 25th Dec., 3 P.M.

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TAKAO (Direct)	"SHIBETORO MARU"	THURSDAY, 24th Dec., at Daylight.
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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
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SHANGHAI	"TUNGSHING"	Wed'day 23rd Dec., Noon.
SHANGHAI	"KOONSHING"	Thursday, 24th Dec., Noon.
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Thursday, 24th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, TSINGTAI, WEI, HAIWEI, CHERPOO & CHINGWANTAO	"CHEONGSHING"	Saturday, 26th Dec., Noon.
SHANGHAI	"FOOSHING"	Saturday, 26th Dec., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	Thursday, 29th Dec., Noon.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Thursday, 31st Dec., 4 P.M.
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DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	WAKASA MARU Capt. N. Nielsen	6265	WED'DAY, 23rd Dec., at Daylight
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and YOKOHAMA	SADO MARU Capt. Geo. Anderson	6227	WED'DAY, 6th Jan., 09 at Daylight
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	TOSA MARU Capt. T. L. Harrison	5828	TUESDAY, 22nd Dec., at Noon
SHANGHAI and KOBE	SHINANO MARU Capt. K. Kawa	6388	TUESDAY, 5th Jan., 09 at Noon
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU Capt. A. H. Moses	5539	THURSDAY, 24th Dec., at Noon
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	KUMANO MARU Capt. N. Mathieson	5076	FRIDAY, 22nd Jan., 09 at Noon
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	YETOROFU MARU Capt. K. Sato	3949	TUESDAY, 22nd Dec., at Noon
	KUMANO MARU Capt. N. Mathieson	5076	WED'DAY, 23rd Dec., at Noon
	SANUKI MARU Capt. K. Homma	6112	SATURDAY, 26th Dec., at Daylight
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Hongkong, 19th December, 1908.

T. KUSUMOTO,
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